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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

IDENTIFICATION OF NEW WETLAND AREA AT THE FERNALD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT

A site-wide wetland delineation of the Fernald Site was conducted in 1992 and 1993, and was approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District Office, in August 1993. This delineation identified 35.9 acres of on-property jurisdictional wetlands at the Fernald Site. Since the approval of the wetland delineation, another on-property wetland area has been identified at the site.

These newly formed wetland areas are located west of the trailer parking lot along the access road to Building 45 and immediately west of the sewage treatment plant (enclosure). These wetland areas were evaluated using the criteria outlined for atypical (man-induced) areas in the 1987 Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual. These evaluations indicated a 0.37 acre jurisdictional wetland west of the trailer parking lot and a 0.13 acre jurisdictional wetland immediately west of the Sewage Treatment Plant. These wetland areas are subject to permitting requirements under Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act prior to dredge and/or fill activities.

To meet the substantive requirements of Section 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act, dredge and/or fill activities within this area will be conducted under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process. These activities will be performed in compliance with substantive permitting and regulatory requirements mandated under wetland applicable, relevant and appropriate requirements

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which were identified in various Operable Unit Records of Decision. Impacts to these wetland areas will be compensated through our wetland mitigation plan which will be developed as part of our comprehensive Natural Resource Restoration Plan.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Pete Yerace at (513) 648-3161.

Sincerely,



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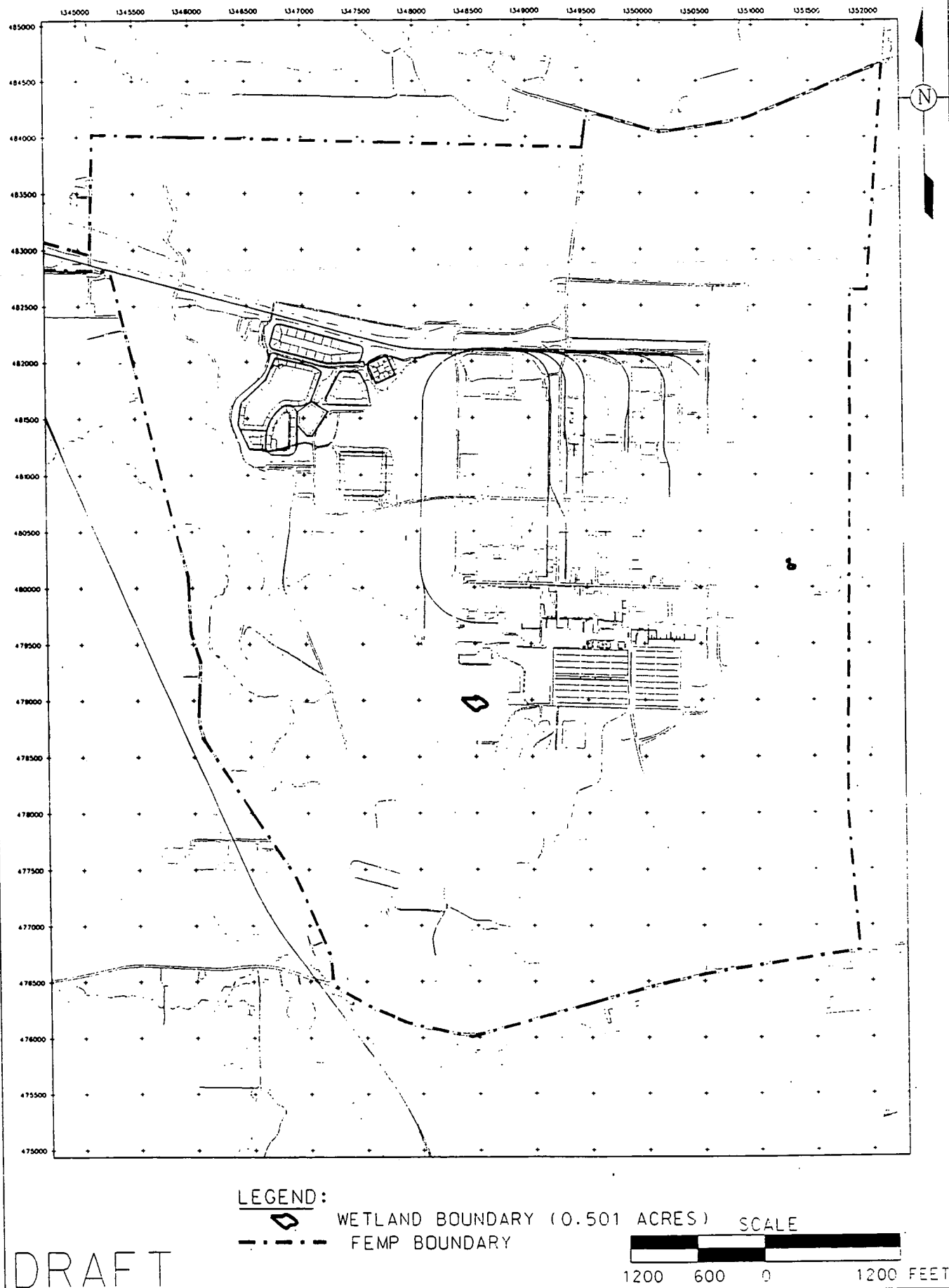


FIGURE 1. ADDITIONAL WETLAND AREAS